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SUBJ: UNRWA WORKING GROUP MEETING

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1. UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL RENNIE REVIEWED AGENCY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION AT NOV 29 WORKING GROUP (WG) MEETING. DEFICIT FOR 1973 NOW ESTIMATED AT \$2.6 MILLION WHICH WILL RUN WORKING CAPITAL DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXPECTED INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS, 1974 DEFICIT ESTIMATED AT \$7 MILLION, WITH NO INDICATION YET THAT IT COULD BE REDUCED TO UNDER \$5 MILLION, GIVEN CURRENT TRENDS.

2. RENNIE ASKED WG'S ADVICE ON HOW TO CONVEY TO GA INFORMATION ON CUTS ON SERVICES NECESSITATED BY EXPECTED DEFICIT. WG CONSENSUS WAS HE SHOULD NOT OVER-DRAMATIZE PROBLEM FOR FEAR THAT THIS MIGHT LEAD TO DISTURBANCES AMONG REFUGEES, WHICH PARTICULARLY UN-DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME IN CONTEXT ME PEACE TALKS. RENNIE SAID THAT IF REDUCTIONS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM DECIDED AS MEANS TO STAY WITHIN AVAILABLE BUDGET, HE WOULD NOT BREAK UP SCHOOL YEAR AND NO EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUIRED UNTIL JUNE 1974. NEVER-CONFIDENTIAL

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THELESS PLANNING FOR REDUCTION IN STAFF, ETC. WOULD HAVE TO

BEGIN BY FEB '74 WHICH COULD CAUSE UNDERSIRABLE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS EVEN THAT EARLY. REDUCTION IN FOOD PROGRAM WOULD BE COMPLICATED PROCESS TAKING TWO YEARS, AND DONOR COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO SHIFT SOME CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COMMODITIES TO CASH. PLANNING FOR SUCH CUTS WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN EARLY 1974, BUT ACTUAL RATION CURTAILMENT WOULD NOT BEGIN THAT YEAR IN VIEW ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE REGARDING COMMODITIES. RENNIE POINTED OUT SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF RATION CARDS TO PALESTINIANS, AND POLITICAL DANGER OF ELIMINATING THESE.

3. RENNIE WILL SPEAK AT PLEDGING CONFERENCE NOV 30 AND WILL REMAIN NEW YORK UNTIL AFTER GA CONSIDERS UNRWA ITEM, NOW SCHEDULED FOR DEC 6.

4. IMPLICATIONS OF A/SPC/L.287/REV.1 (BAROODY RES) CONSIDERED AT LENGTH. AT PRE-MEETING INSTIGATION OF US REP, NORWEGIAN REP (ARVESEN) MADE STATEMENT EXPLAINING HOW THIS RES WOULD IMPEDE WG EFFORTS TO AID IN FINANCING, AND ATTEMPT SHOULD BEMADE TO HAVE IT DEFEATED IN GA. ALL PRESENT AGREED AND DISCUSSION DEVOLVED INTO BEST TACTICS WHICH FINALLY DECIDED AS FOLLOWS: WG CHAIRMAN (OLCAY-TURKEY) AND LEBANON REP JOINTLY WILL APPROACH ARAB GROUP POINTING OUT DIFFICULTIES BAROODY RES CREATESFOR WG FUND-RAISING EFFORTS. LEBANON REP AT WG (KHALIL HADDAD, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MFA) SAID ARABS ALREADY VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS IN OPPOSITION TO BAROODY RES, BUT HAD VOTED FOR IT IN INTERESTS OF ARAB SOLIDARITY. IN VIEW OF KNOWN ARAB ATTITUDE TOWARDS RES, WITH URGING OF WG, WE HOPEFUL ARABS WILL BE WILLING APPROACH BAROODY ASKING FOR HIS CONCURRENCE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF RES. AS TECHNICALLY IT NOW HAS BECOME SPC RES (AS OPPOSED TO SAUDI ARABIA DRAFT RES), THIS WILL REQUIRE GA ACTION. SCENARIO WOULD HAVE BAROODY OR OTHER ARAB GIVE FACE-SAVING SPEECH AT PLENARY, POINTING OUT "TECHNICAL" PROBLEMS OF RES AND PROPOSING THAT VOTE ON IT BE "DEFERRED." PRESIDENT THEN WOULD PUT PROPOSAL TO PROCEDURAL VOTE, WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN RES BEING CONFINED TO LIMBO.
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